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HIGH TREES

There is unprisoned day up there:

The even flow of level lights,
The passing of the wilder rains,
The perfect circle of the world—
These, and the longer ride with sun,
The earlier tryst with stars,
The virgin silver of the moon!

It must be well to hear
The broken song of trampled dust,
The long complaint of streets,
Soothed to uncertainty—
Earth's weaving flutter laid aside
Like a folded fan.

See how deeply their lifted breasts
Are stirred!
See how the highest leaf
Fingers a star!

Henry Bellamann